

SC Arts Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2003
1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

Members present	Linda Stern, Noble Cooper, Carrie Brown, David Stinson, Virginia Self, Bud Ferillo
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox, Clay Burnette
Call to order	Chairman Linda Stern called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
Welcome	Ms. Stern welcomed Bud Ferillo to the board.
Approval of minutes	Ms. Surkamer noted a change to the minutes of the June 19, 2003 meeting, clarifying that AIE grant changes related to Gifted and Talented programs applied to ABC applications only.
Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the minutes with the noted change. Dr. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.
Chairman's report	<p>Ms. Stern reported on her orientation activities with the commission since taking on the Chairmanship in July. She noted that she had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Met with several staff coordinators to get an overview of their work and programs.▪ Traveled to the upstate to meet with constituents.▪ Represented the Arts Commission at the opening of the Hopper exhibition at the Columbia Museum and the Grand Opening of Edventure Children's Museum.▪ Attended the AIE Booking Conference in October.▪ Planned several visits to legislators to take place over the next few months.
Commissioners' Reports	<p>Dr. Cooper reported on the Participation Seminar he attended as part of the SCAC's project with the Wallace Reader's Digest Funds.</p> <p>Carolyn Govan, Marjory Wentworth and Sarah June Goldstein arrived at 10:35.</p> <p>Ms. Govan reported on her participation in the Institute for Community Scholars program and the ABC Steering Committee.</p>

Executive Director's
Report

Ms. Surkamer informed the board on the following:

- She is planning a variety of meetings with legislators and the chairs of the House and Senate Arts Caucuses.
- The agency is investigating the possibility of an arts license plate and the potential for adding a special fee on specialty plates to help create a dedicated income stream for the Art Commission.
- Governor's Commission on Management, Accountability and Performance (MAP) has issued its final report, and did not recommend combining the cultural agencies.
- The agency's FY03 Accountability Report is available on the web.
- The agency had implemented E-Leave, an electronic system for staff to request and monitor annual and sick leave.
- The National Endowment for the Arts has received a budget increase, which means more federal funds for South Carolina.
- The SCAC has conducted a survey of SC arts organizations about their activities related to cultural tourism and economic development.
- The SCAC will receive the Innovation Award for the Design Arts Partnership at the upcoming NASAA Conference in Charleston.
- She recently attended board meeting for Arts Presenters, where they have instituted a reduced membership fee to make the organization more accessible to smaller groups, which is very helpful to many SC presenters.
- SCETV is developing the SC Channel. SCAC is working with ETV to develop arts content for broadcast.
- Ms. Surkamer, Mr. May, and Christine Fisher have been meeting with the executive director of the SC School Boards Association to explore ways their organizations can work collaboratively. Susie has also set up a meeting with the head of the state PTA to discuss the possibility of joint projects.
- Secretary of State Hammond has created a Non-Profit Advisory Council and has asked Ms. Surkamer to represent arts organizations on the council.
- She is also currently serving on the Winthrop Board of Visitors and the Clemson President's Advisory Board.

Poet Laureate

Sarah June Goldstein introduced Marjory Wentworth, the Poet Laureate of South Carolina. Ms. Wentworth read one of her poems to the board, *Rivers of Wind*, written for the inauguration of Governor Mark Sanford.

Budget Items	<p>Ms. Surkamer informed the board that all state agencies had been instructed to sequester 1% of their budgets for a potential cut. A mid-year cut is possible, and the SCAC is looking at the potential of a 7-14% cut for FY05. She noted that money to cover a mid-year cut is currently reserved in the agency budget.</p> <p>Ms. Surkamer informed the board that the agency implemented a Reduction in Force, reduced the staff by two, and had also implemented a mandatory 2-day furlough for remaining staff. The voluntary furlough option is also still in place.</p>
Discussion	<p>There was discussion of how board members and the agency would cover the expenses of board members in their official capacities. It was noted that board members who cover their own expenses might claim them on their income tax returns.</p>
Financial Reports	<p>Ms. Surkamer presented the financial reports for the 4th quarter of FY03 and the 1st quarter of FY04.</p>
Motion	<p>Ms. Self moved to approve the reports. Dr. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.</p>
Strategic Plan	<p>The board discussed priorities to assist the staff in creating the FY04-06 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>John Talbot arrived at 11:40.</p>
FY04 Accessibility Grants	<p>Ms. Self abstained from discussion and voting to avoid a potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>Ms. Surkamer described the agency's recent activities related to arts accessibility for people with disabilities, including the agency's partnership with VSAarts, and the creation of a grant category to assist organizations in making facilities and programs more accessible.</p> <p>Mr. Burnette presented the panel recommendations for FY04.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Stinson moved to approve the panel recommendations. Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.</p>
Other Grants Issues	<p>Mr. Burnette informed the board of five grantee organizations that were not in compliance with the SCAC's Final Report requirement for grantees for FY03. He requested guidance on how to proceed with these organizations.</p>

Motion	Mr. Stinson moved to apply a penalty to the organizations in question equaling ten percent of their FY04 grant award. Mr. Ferillo seconded and the motion was approved.
	Mr. May reported to the board on new After School Grants.
	Marion Draine joined the meeting at 1:30
NASAA Update	Ms. Surkamer and Ms. Draine updated the board on plans for the annual conference of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) in Charleston, December 4-7. Harriett Green gave a slide presentation on the exhibition for the conference, titled <i>Thresholds: Expressions of Art and Spiritual Life</i> .
Southern Arts Federation	John Talbot, Executive Director of the Southern Arts Federation (SAF) made a presentation to familiarize the board with the work of his organization, of which the SCAC is a member and Ms. Surkamer is board chairman.
	Dr. Cooper departed at 2:50 p.m.
Updates from Arts Organizations	Susan Benesh, Interim Director of the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties; and Carroll Heyward, board chair of the Columbia Museum of Art, updated the board on recent activities of their respective organizations.
Motion	There being no further business, Ms. Govan moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion was approved.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.